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FOR THE

GOVERNMENT AND MANAGEMENT

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CONSTITUTION

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PERTH PUBLIC SCHOOL.

WHEREAS it has been determined, by and between the Board of Grammar School Trustees for the Grammar School in the Town of Perth, and the Board of School Trustees for the Town of Perth, that in order to secure a beneficial and effective system of Education for the general advantage of the inhabitants of the Town of Perth, and others interested therein, it is necessary to unite the Grammar School located in the Town of Perth, with the Common Schools of the said Town—And whereas it has been deemed expedient and necessary that the terms upon which such union shall be effected and carried into operation, should be reduced to writing, for the mutual satisfaction of all parties interested in such union—it is therefore hereby mutually agreed upon by and between the Board of Grammar School Trustees aforesaid, and the Board of School Trustees aforesaid, that the undermentioned Articles of Agreement relative to such union, are hereby and herein declared to be the terms upon which such union as aforesaid shall be carried into effect.

In Witness whereof the parties to these Articles of Agreement have hereunto set their hands and seals, at the Town of Perth, in the United Counties of Lanark and Renfrew, and in the Province of Canada, this thirty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

ARTICLE 1ST.—All the Common Schools now established in the Town of Perth, and the County Grammar School located therein, shall be united, and shall constitute one Public School; and the said Town shall not be divided into School Sections, nor shall there be maintained therein more than one said Public School—except such Separate School as is provided for by the 19th Section of the Act, 13 & 14 Victoria, chapter 48.

ARTICLE 2ND.—Said School shall be known as the "PERTH PUBLIC SCHOOL."

ARTICLE 3RD.—The design of said School shall be, to afford a course of instruction, beginning with the Alphabet, and embracing the English, French, Latin and Greek Languages; Writing, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Surveying, History and Geography, Book-Keeping, and the Elements of Natural and Moral Philosophy, Elocution, Rhetoric and Logic; and such other branches as the Trustees thereof shall deem proper to introduce.

ARTICLE 4TH.—The Board of School Trustees for the Town of Perth, and the Board of Trustees of the County Grammar School located in said Town, shall be the Trustees of the Perth Public School, and shall conjointly manage the affairs of said School, determine the number of Teachers to be employed therein, the qualifications of said Teachers, the branches to be taught by each Teacher, the books and apparatus to be used in the School, and in general, do whatever may be deemed necessary for the proper regulation and efficient operation of the School, according to the design thereof,

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and not contrary to the provisions of any Act of the Parliament of Canada relating to Public Schools.

Article 5th.—The Principal of the Grammar School shall be the Principal of the Perth Public School, and shall see that the Articles of this Union, so far as they relate to the branches to be taught in said School, and the duties of the teachers to be employed in said School, be observed; and likewise see that the By-Laws which shall from time to time be adopted by the Board of Trustees, for the regulation of the said School, be duly observed; he shall hold office on the same tenure as at present, or as may be provided by any Act of the Parliament of Canada. His salary shall not be less than Two Hundred Pounds, currency, which shall consist of the Government allowance, which he shall draw as at present, and such moneys or fees as the Board of Trustees shall from time to time determine: Provided always, that the sum which shall be required, over and above the said Government allowance, to make up said salary, shall be provided by the Board of School Trustees of Perth in such way as they shall be required by law to provide for the salaries of the other Teachers of the said School: And provided also, that none but a competent person shall be appointed to be Principal, and that his department shall be conducted in harmony with the other departments of said Public School.

Article 6th.—The Assistant Teacher of the Grammar School shall also be employed as a Teacher in the Perth Public School. Provided always, that the person appointed to that office shall be subject to the approval of the Board of School Trustees for the Town of Perth, and that said Board shall provide for the payment of the salary of the said Assistant, such sum as shall be required for that purpose, in addition to any sum that may accrue from the Government allowance for such purpose.

Article 7th.—The other Teachers of said Perth Public School shall be employed in conformity with the provisions of the Act 13 & 14 Victoria, chapter 48, or of any other Act or Acts of the Parliament of Canada, relating to such Teachers: Provided always, that all Teachers to be employed in the Perth Public School shall be required to have a certificate from the Board of Public Instruction, of their competency to be employed in said Perth Public School.

Article 8th.—All children entitled to receive instruction at the Common Schools of said Town, shall be entitled to receive instruction at the Perth Public School, upon such terms as shall from time to time be determined by the Board of Trustees of said School, and as shall be in accordance with the Act 13 & 14 Victoria, chapter 48, or of any other Act or Acts of the Parliament of Canada, that may be passed affecting such Schools. And all other children or persons now entitled to receive instruction at the County Grammar School, and not resident in Perth, shall continue to be entitled to the same, on the same terms as they are now entitled to the same; Provided always, that the Board of Trustees of the said Grammar School may, by virtue of the powers vested in them, from time to time alter said terms, as they may deem expedient, excepting always so much thereof as relates to the gratuitous instructing of ten poor pupils; And provided also, that the fees arising from scholars attending such School, shall be collected and be applicable to the general purposes of said Public School.

Article 9th.—The lands, buildings, and other property now held by the Boards aforesaid, or either of them, for School purposes, within the Town of Perth; and all lands, buildings, and other property vested in any other body or bodies for such purposes, within said Town, shall be disposed of for the

purposes of the Perth Public School, as the United Board shall deem expedient.

ARTICLE 10TH.—The Board of School Trustees of the Town of Perth, as constituted under the authority of the Act 13 & 14 Victoria, chapter 48, shall raise or cause to be raised, as said Act directs, and with due regard to the ability of the taxable inhabitants of the Town of Perth to pay the same, such sum or sums as shall be required for the building, furnishing, warming, repairing and preserving of a house for the accommodation of the Perth Public School; and such sum or sums as shall be required for the acquiring and improving of such lands as shall be required for the purposes of said School; and shall also make such provision for keeping in order and repair all necessary appurtenances to said house and lands as from time to time shall be required; Provided always, that the School House to be erected shall be according to a plan, which shall have been approved of by the Board of Trustees of the United School.

ARTICLE 11TH.—All the transactions of the Board of Trustees of the Perth Public School shall be entered in a Book, which shall be provided by the Board of School Trustees of the Town of Perth; and the minutes of said transactions, when they shall have been entered in said book, and approved of, shall be signed by the Chairman of the United Board, or, in his absence, by the Chairman, *pro tem.*, and shall be open at all times to all the members of said Board.

ARTICLE 12TH.—The United Board shall meet at least once in every quarter of a year, and may be convened at any time by the Chairman of the Board, or by a requisition of three members of the Board.

ARTICLE 13TH.—All the expenses which shall be incurred by the United Board for any purpose, to which the Board of School Trustees of the Town of Perth and the Board of Trustees of the County Grammar School shall, in their united capacity, be parties, shall be paid from the funds of the Public School, and be raised, as the Act 13 & 14 Victoria, chapter 48, empowers the said Board of School Trustees of the Town of Perth to raise moneys for School purposes.

ARTICLE 14TH.—All persons authorized by said Act, or by any other Act or Acts of the Parliament of Canada, to visit Common or Grammar Schools, shall have access to every department of the School hereby constituted; and all the rights, privileges, immunities and exemptions, to any party or parties now belonging, under the authority of such Act or Acts, in relation to Common or Grammar Schools, shall belong to said party or parties, in relation to the said hereby constituted School.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED, IN PRESENCE OF JNO. McINTYRE.

M. HARRIS, *Chairman*, (L. S.)
WM. BAIN, (L. S.)
WM. BELL, (L. S.)
WILLIAM O. BUELL, (L. S.)
M. McDONNELL, (L. S.)

Trustees of Grammar Schools.

J. DAVIES, *Chairman*, (L. S.)
ROBERT KELLOCK, (L. S.)
WILLIAM FRASER, (L. S.)
JOHN McKAY, (L. S.)
THOS. BROOKE, (L. S.)

Trustees of Common Schools.

RULES & REGULATIONS

FOR THE

Government and Management

OF THE

PERTH PUBLIC SCHOOL.

RULE 1ST.—THE PERTH PUBLIC SCHOOL being for the general benefit of the community, all children of the inhabitants of the Town of Perth, and others who may be admitted thereto, under the regulations of the said Public School, shall receive instruction therein, without preference or partiality, and with strict attention to their morals, deportment and manners, as well as to their mental improvement.

RULE 2ND.—The Principal of the Public School shall exercise a general supervision over the said School, and the Assistant Teachers thereof; and shall see that the course of studies is so arranged that each Class shall pursue those branches of Education which are best adapted to the age, attainments, and objects of the scholars. He shall see that all the rules and regulations for the proper internal management of the said School are made known to all the Teachers, and that they are adopted and carried into effect; and the said Teachers are required to act with energy, and in harmony with the Principal of the said School, in order that the standard of scholarship and of moral character may be raised among the scholars attending the said Public School.

RULE 3RD.—All Assistant Teachers in the said Public School shall apply to the Principal for advice and direction, in all instances of unusual difficulty in the government of their scholars—the management of their Classes—or in any other School duties. They shall at all times render a prompt and energetic co-operation with the Principal, in carrying into effect all the School regulations, and also such rules for the proper management of the scholars, as may have been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the said School. They shall report to the Principal the names of all scholars who may have been guilty of any gross misconduct while under their care. They shall not expel, exclude, or even dismiss for a short time, a disobedient scholar, but shall refer all cases requiring such measures to the Principal, who is responsible for the proper discipline of the said School.

RULE 4TH.—In all matters relating to the government, instruction and management of the said Public School, the Assistant Teachers shall obey the directions of the Principal; and, in the absence of the Principal, the Assistant Teacher in the said School, next in standing, shall assume its management, or the oldest, where they are of the same standing.

RULE 5TH.—All Teachers in the Public School are required to exercise a careful supervision over their scholars during School hours, both while in

the School Room, and while out at recess, in order to prevent all improper conduct on the School premises.

Rule 6th.—The Teachers of the said Public School, shall, when they think the proper management of the School requires it, (under the direction of the Principal), extend their discipline to cases of the misconduct of the scholars, while going to and returning from School; but it is strictly enjoined upon all Teachers in the said School to avoid all appearance of anger and indiscreet haste, in all cases of School discipline.

Rule 7th.—Whenever the Principal of the School shall deem any particular or habitual misconduct of a scholar is such that his example is injurious to the other scholars, he may report the same to the Board of Trustees of the said School, for their action thereon; and for violent opposition or gross misconduct, he may exclude a scholar from school for the time; and in all cases of exclusion he shall forthwith give information in writing of the cause thereof, to the parent or guardian of such scholar.

Rule 8th.—The Teachers in the Public School shall devote themselves exclusively to the duties of their office. They shall daily examine the lessons of their various Classes, and shall prepare themselves with care to instruct all their scholars without partiality, in those branches of School studies which their respective Classes may be pursuing; and in all their intercourse with their scholars they are required to strive to impress on all their minds, both by precept and example, the great importance of continued efforts for improvement in morals, manners, and deportment, as well as in useful learning. They are required to maintain good order and discipline—to permit no books to be used in the School, but such as the Board of Trustees of the said School shall have approved of and ordered to be used.

Rule 9th.—The Teachers of the said School shall be in attendance therein, at all seasons of the year, sufficiently early to see that the said School is well prepared for the scholars, before the hour appointed for opening the School.

Rule 10th.—The Principal of the said Public School shall in his discretion allow and authorize such recesses for the benefit of the scholars, as he may see fit to appoint, and the Assistant Teachers of the said School shall be guided accordingly.

Rule 11th.—The Principal of the Public School shall have the care and supervision of the School House, under the Board of Trustees of the Town of Perth, and shall not permit any person to use the same, without the consent of the said Board. He is required to take special care that none of the property belonging to the said School House be defaced or injured in any manner, by any of the scholars attending the same; and he is also required to give notice in writing to the Secretary of the said Board, of any repairs or supplies that may be considered necessary for the said Public School.

Rule 12th.—The Principal of the said School shall not permit a scholar to remain in the same more than one week, unless such scholar be furnished with the necessary books of the Class in which the scholar may be learning; and it shall be the duty of the said Principal to see that all the scholars in attendance at said School are furnished with the necessary books. And should the parents or guardians of such scholars be unable, from extreme indigence, to provide the same, the Principal shall report the nature of the case, and the books that are required, to the Board of School Trustees of the Town of Perth, in order that such books may be furnished by the said Board. And any books given by the Board for such purpose, shall be School property,

and be lent to such scholars while in attendance at the said School, and not longer.

Rule 13th.—The Principal and Assistant Teachers of the Public School are required to keep an account of all the scholars attending the said School, from without the limits of the Town of Perth, and also the amount of time so attending, with the names of the parents or guardians of such scholars; and to furnish the same quarterly to the Secretary of the Board of School Trustees of the said Town.

Rule 14th.—That the hours of Teaching in the said Public School, from the first day of April to the thirtieth day of September, shall be from nine o'clock, a. m., till twelve o'clock, noon—and from half-past one o'clock, p. m., till four o'clock, p. m.; and from the first day of October to the thirty-first day of March, from half-past nine o'clock, a. m., till twelve o'clock, noon—and from half-past one o'clock, p. m., till half-past three o'clock, p. m.

Rule 15th.—The Principal and Assistant Teachers of the Public School shall strictly observe and keep the hours named in these rules, for opening and dismissing the said School, and shall also pay proper attention to the advice and instructions that may be given them by the Board of School Trustees of the Perth Public School, or by the Superintendent of Schools for the Town of Perth—in addition to any set forth in these rules and regulations—relative to the order, management, and good government of said Public School.

Rule 16th.—All Scholars are required to be punctual in attendance at the said School, at the hours named in these regulations. No scholars shall be permitted to leave school before its close, (except in case of sickness or some case of emergency); and every scholar who shall, by accident or otherwise, injure any school property belonging to the said Public School, such scholar, or the parent or guardian of such, shall be liable to pay for the damage done.

Rule 17th.—All scholars attending the said Public School are required to be cleanly in their persons, and neat in appearance; and are strictly enjoined, for the benefit of themselves, and for the character and dignity of the said School, to avoid every wicked and disgraceful practice, and to conduct themselves in an orderly, decent, and respectful manner, to all persons, both in and out of the School, and while going to, and returning from the same; and every scholar who shall, anywhere on or about the premises, write any profane or unchaste language, or shall draw any obscene picture or representation, shall be punished according to the nature of the offence, by the Principal of the said School.

Rule 18th.—The Principal and Assistant Teachers of the said School shall enroll the names of scholars as soon as they enter the same, and have the roll called in the morning and afternoon of each day, and have all absences marked therein; and shall record in such Register the names and ages of such scholars; and shall make such other entries therein as shall exhibit a correct statement of their absences, their conduct in the School, and the progress made in their respective studies.

Rule 19th.—In order that the principles of religion and morality may be inculcated in the said Public School, and in order to impress on the minds of the scholars attending the same, the great importance of religious duties, and of their entire dependence on their Maker, the daily exercises shall be commenced and ended by the Principal reading a Form of Prayer agreed on by the Board, and by the pupils reading in order a portion of the Holy Scriptures—it being provided that no pupil shall be called to these exercises, contrary to the expressed desire of his parents or guardians.

FORM OF PRAYER,

To be said daily in the Morning, at the opening of the

PERTH PUBLIC SCHOOL.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou, even Thou, art Lord alone; Thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all things that are therein, the sea and all that is therein, and Thou preservest them all. Thine understanding is infinite; none can hide himself in secret places, that Thou canst not see him; Thou fillest heaven and earth. Thou, O God, madest us. In Thee we live, move, and have our being. Thou art the former of our bodies, and the Father of our spirits. Thou didst put wisdom in the inward part, and didst teach us more than the beasts of the earth, and didst make us wiser than the fowls of heaven. Thou didst create man originally in thine own image, holy, happy, and for thy glory. But man being in honor, did not abide therein, but sinned against Thee. All flesh hath corrupted their way; we are all gone aside, we are altogether become filthy; the light that is in us is darkness, there is none that doeth good, no, not one. We are by nature children of disobedience, and children of wrath. Although in Thy hand is our breath, and although Thou art the God that hast fed us all our life long, unto this day, and has preserved us from all evil, yet against Thee have we sinned, and disobeyed Thy commandments, though they are all holy, just, and good. Thou mightest justly be angry with us till Thou hadst consumed us. We have forfeited to thy righteous laws, life, and all its enjoyments and blessings. We have incurred death and everlasting misery. Thou mightest have justly sworn in Thy wrath, that we should never enter into Thy rest.

We praise Thee, Lord, that Thou hast not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. When Thou sparedst not the angels that sinned, but didst cast them down to hell, Thou wast pleased to find a ransom, that we might be delivered. We adore Thee, that when we were thine enemies, and without strength or merits of any kind, Thou didst so love the world as to give Thine only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him might not perish, but have everlasting life.

Grant unto us to believe, and to feel that with Jesus Thou wilt give us all things; and that without Jesus we can do nothing—that there is none other name given under heaven, whereby sinners can be saved, but the name of Jesus Christ. Enable us therefore through Thy Spirit, to believe in Jesus to the saving of our souls—that our sins may be forgiven by Thee, our understandings enlightened, and our whole nature sanctified, that thus we may be enabled to love Thee, and to show our love by endeavoring to keep all Thy commandments; honoring our parents and teachers, obeying all lawful authority, and doing good to all as we have opportunity; that thus living and serving Thee, we may enjoy Thy favor upon earth, and Thy blessing through eternity. Make us sensible that all our privileges, of whatever kind they be, are from Thee, and give unto us grace to improve them to the glory of Thee, the bountiful and gracious giver, and to our own temporal and eternal welfare. Enable us in a special manner, in teaching and in studying, to act under a practical sense of our obligation to Thy goodness, and of the responsibility under which we are to Thee. Let our School be blessed and be made a blessing; let the instructions imparted and received in it be all based on the Scriptures of Thy revelation, and thus adapted to devolope the intellectual, and purify and strengthen the moral faculties of the pupils, to prepare them to fill with happiness and honor to themselves, and with advantage to their fellow creatures, the several situations to which in thy providence they may in after life be called, and to fit them through Thy Spirit, when this short and uncertain life is over, for the nobler employments and holier enjoyments of heaven, through eternity. And unto Thee, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God, shall be all the glory—AMEN.

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c., &c.

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